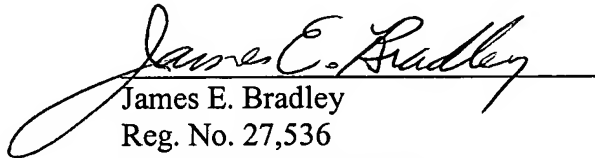


REMARKS

Applicants certainly appreciate the allowance of Claims 20 and 22-29, and the indication of allowance of claim 19, if amended to become independent, incorporating the requirements of the parent claim and any intervening claims. Applicants have amended claim 19 as suggested and canceled the remaining non-allowed claims.

The application should now be in condition for allowance. In the event any fees are due please charge them to **Bracewell & Patterson, L.L.P.'s Deposit Account Number 50-0259.**

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